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May 14, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Vaughn Sand and Lower Bodcaw Sand of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, HICO-KNOWLES FIELD, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BILLY R. PESNELL

DAVID L.SMELLEY

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SCOTT C. SINCLAIR

W. BROOKS MAY

JOSEPH L. HARGROVE, JR.

BRIGHTON ENERGY, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Vaughn Sand and to the Lower Bodcaw Sand of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Vaughn Sand and from the Lower Bodcaw Sand of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the wellbore of the Brighton Energy, L.L.C.--Davidson 21 No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat.
- 2. To define the Lower Bodcaw Sand of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, for the purpose of this downhole combination request only, as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 8,492' and 8,512' (electrical log measurements) in the Brighton Energy, L.L.C.--Davidson 21 No. 1 Well, located in Section 21, Township 20 North, Range 3 West, Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.
- 3. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Vaughn Sand in Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 137, effective August 5, 1947. The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 137-X-6, effective July 27, 1999.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Jeff R. Thompson, 400 Travis Street, Suite 1800, Shreveport, Louisiana. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Thompson at (318) 424-0394 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Hico-Knowles Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

David L. Smelley

Yours very truly,

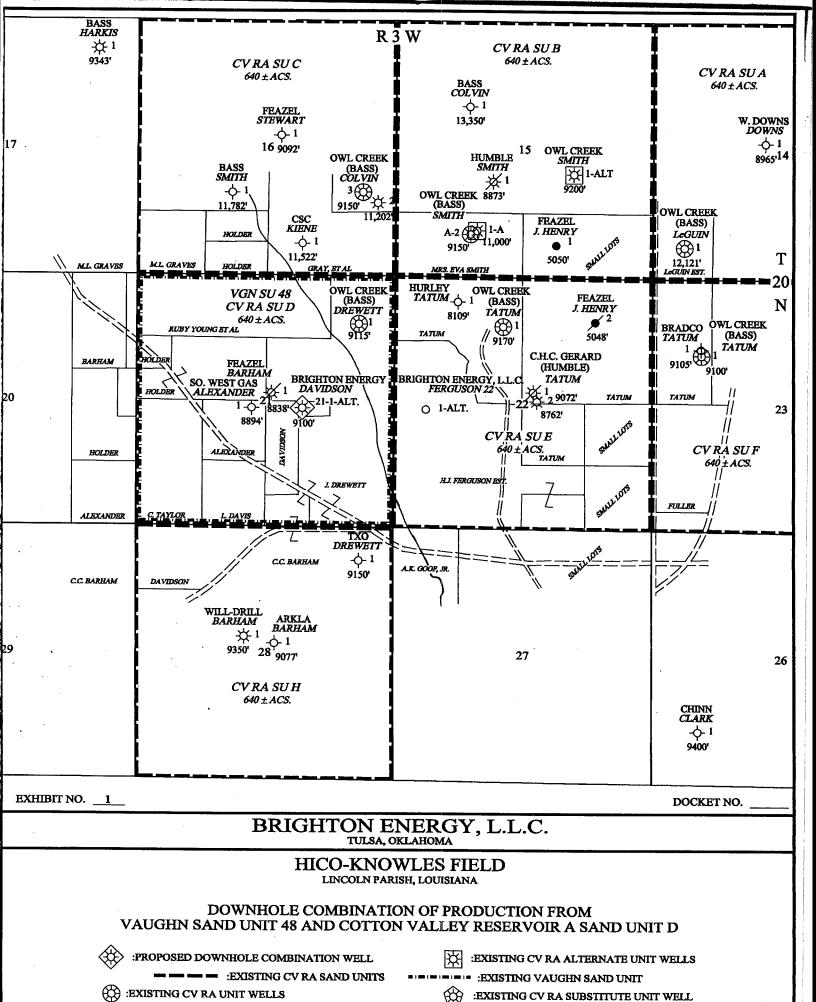
Attorney for Brighton Energy, L.L.C.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Chris Girouard (w/encls.) Mr. Jeff Thompson (w/encls.) Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



0' 1000' 2000' 3000' 4000' 5000' 600 GRAPHIC SCALE

GEOL: JEFF THOMPSON